



Caltrans District 4 Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)
July 16, 2014 1:30 – 3:30 PM
Meeting Summary

Members Present (including teleconference attendees):

Eric Anderson, City of Berkeley
Brad Beck, Contra Costa Transportation Authority
Steve Beroldo, San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District
Matthew Bomberg, Alameda County Transportation Commission
Mike Costanzo, Napa County Bicycle Coalition
Adam Foster, Contra Costa County Resident
Gary Helfrich, Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition, D4 BAC Vice Chair
Bert Hill, San Francisco Bicycle Coalition
Lauren Ledbetter, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
Rick Marshall, Napa County Public Works Department, D4 BAC Chair
Bruce “Ole” Ohlson, Bike East Bay
Jean Severinghaus, Marin County Resident
Richard Swent, Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition
Robert Tidmore, San Francisco Resident

Non-Members Present (including teleconference attendees):

Beth Thomas, Caltrans District 4 Bicycle Coordinator and BAC Liaison
Jean Finney, Chief, Caltrans District 4 Office of Transit and Community Planning
Janice Benton, Assistant Chief, Caltrans Division of Design
Duper Tong, Chief, Caltrans Office of Traffic Engineering
Robert Cronin
Dan Dawson, Marin County Public Works
Alan Forkosh
Paul Goldstein
Carol Levine

Agenda Item #1: Welcome and Introductions

New and existing BAC members introduced themselves. A quorum was reached.

Agenda Item #2: Agenda review

The BAC members reviewed the agenda. No changes were made to it.

Agenda Item #3: Review and approval of summary of April 2014 meeting

The April 2014 meeting summary was approved.

Agenda Item #4: Review by District 4 BAC Bicycle Signal Subcommittee letter on proposed bicycle signal guidance, report on California Traffic Control Devices Committee process, and next steps regarding the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)

Eric provided background on the proposed bicycle signal guidance and the letter that was sent to the California Traffic Control Devices Committee (CTCDC). It was suggested that the future letters from a BAC subcommittee list the subcommittee members. Beth provided a status update on the CTCDC process.

Agenda Item #5: Report on bicycling-related items recommended by the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for inclusion in the next Federal MUTCD and next steps regarding developing California buffered bike lane guidance

BAC members were updated on bicycle-related recommendations by the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and the process for review and approval by the Federal Highway Administration. BAC members provided comments on the proposed recommendations.

Agenda Item #6: Update on incorporation of National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) guidance into the Caltrans Highway Design Manual (HDM) and California MUTCD per the State Smart Transportation Initiative report recommendations for Caltrans

Janice Benton from the Caltrans Headquarters Division of Design provided a status update on Caltrans' review of NACTO guidance as it relates to the HDM. One significant discrepancy is the lack of standards on cycle tracks in the HDM. Other discrepancies were found, but none with fatal flaws. Many NACTO design treatments could be approved using the existing design exception process. The Division of Design is waiting to see whether Assembly Bill 1193 passes in order to determine how to go about revising the HDM. AB 1193 would create a new Class IV category for cycle tracks.

Duper Tong from the Caltrans Headquarters Office of Traffic Engineering indicated that his office had similarly compared the NACTO guidance to the California MUTCD. Some of the newer traffic control devices not currently in the MUTCD would still require that a request to experiment be submitted to the CTCDC and approved by both CTCDC and FHWA. BAC members provided comments and questions throughout the discussion.

Agenda Item #7: Public Comment

Robert Cronin commented on a State Law that directed Caltrans to install bicycle detection for signalized intersections with no deadline to fully implement. Beth responded and clarified that Caltrans does include bicycle detection for new projects or intersection alterations. Caltrans also responds to complaints by bicyclists regarding locations where there is no bicycle detection.

Agenda Item #8: Topics for Next Meeting

Eric suggested the BAC revisit Agenda Item #5 to request that recommendations from the National Committee on Traffic Control Devices be fast-tracked by the CTCDC to avoid significant delays.

Jean described issues with free right turning motorists conflicting with bicyclist and pedestrian crossings along State Route 12 in Sonoma and at freeway ramp intersections. Jean and Gary agreed to put together an agenda item, including a list of examples for the next meeting.

Agenda Item #9: Announcements and Information Sharing

No announcements were made.